



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **COUNTY PARKS REOPENS FIRE-DAMAGED SYCAMORE CANYON/GOODAN RANCH: *Ranger Led Fire Ecology Nature Walk Immediately Following Event Ceremony***

- Who:** Dianne Jacob, County of San Diego Chairwoman  
Paul Jacks, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
Betty Rexford, Councilwoman, City of Poway  
Brian Jones, Vice Mayor, City of Santee  
Department of Fish and Game
- What:** Elected officials, park users, trail enthusiasts, and members of the public will gather to celebrate the re-opening of more than 2100 acres of Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open Space Preserve and its 9 miles of trails. The Preserve was completely burned in the October 2003 wildfires and is being reopened thanks to the valiant efforts of Parks staff, California Conservation Corps, National Emergency Grant crews and volunteers. During the fire restoration process, the area surrounding the Goodan Ranch Complex will remain closed while new facilities are constructed. The Goodan Ranch Policy Committee is in preliminary stages of designing the new complex. A ranger-led fire ecology nature walk will immediately follow the event ceremony. The public is encouraged to *have fun the natural way* at Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch by coming to see how nature restores itself after a wildfire and the unique vegetation regrowth process.
- When:** **Thursday, August 12, 2004**  
**10:30 a.m.**
- Where:** Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open Space Preserve – Highway 67 Staging Area
- Directions:** Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch's Highway 67 staging area is located approximately ½ mile south of Scripps Poway Parkway, off of the west side of Highway 67. Turn west onto Sycamore Park Drive and head towards the staging area. Look for event signage. Parks staff to direct parking. (*Thomas Brother's Guide page 1191; coordinate E5*).

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